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Dear County and District Superintendents, Directors of Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program:

**Funding Announcement
Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program
Fiscal Year (FY) 2002-2003**

The purpose of this letter is to invite local educational agencies (LEAs) to reapply or to initiate a new application for the CBET Program authorized by Education Code Sections 315 and 316, which were enacted by Proposition 227 in June of 1998.

All LEAs must apply for CBET Program funds on an annual basis. Consequently, LEAs funded previously must reapply for FY 2002-2003 and LEAs that wish to participate for the first time also must submit a *Notification of Intent to Participate* by June 7, 2002.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 11305, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is to allocate \$50 million annually, contingent upon approval in the Governor's budget, to LEAs that request participation in the CBET Program. Funds are to be used for the purpose of providing free or subsidized programs of adult English language instruction to parents or other members of the community who pledge to provide personal English language tutoring to California school children with limited-English proficiency. If the LEA reports one or more English learner students on the R-30 Annual Language Census Report on April 3, 2002, the LEA is eligible to participate. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the *CBET Notification of Intent to Participate, FY 2002-2003*.

Funding will be allocated on a formula basis utilizing the results of the most recent R-30 Annual Language Census. The \$50 million will be prorated according to the number of English learners enrolled in the participating LEAs. In the first five years of the CBET Program, the average annual per pupil allocation has been approximately \$35 per English learner student. A similar level of funding is expected for FY 2002-2003.

As regulated in Title 5, Section 11305(c), LEAs may use CBET Program funds for direct program services, community notification processes, transportation services, and background checks related to the tutoring program. The adult English language instruction can be provided by schools, colleges, universities, community-based organizations, or nonprofit organizations. All LEAs need to maintain thorough and auditable documentation as well as pledge records of the adult participants.

The *Notification of Intent to Participate, FY 2002-2003* requires the signatures of the Superintendent or designee and the Presiding Officer of the Governing Board. All LEAs are

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required to affix those two signatures to the *Notification of Intent to Participate* and submit the notification, postmarked on or before June 7, 2002.

All LEAs that wish to participate in the CBET Program for FY 2002-2003, including those LEAs that are currently funded, are required to complete and return the *Notification of Intent to Participate, FY 2002-2003* form. The form is to be mailed to:

Jorge Gaj, Educational Programs Consultant
Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program
Language Policy and Leadership Office, 4th Floor
California Department of Education
P.O. Box 944272
Sacramento, CA 94244-2720

Any *Notification of Intent to Participate, FY 2002-2003* postmarked after the June 7, 2002 deadline may not be considered for CBET Program funding.

A copy of the Frequently Asked Questions regarding the CBET Program and other supporting documents are available at the CBET Web site (www.cde.ca.gov/cilbranch/cbet.html).

For further information regarding the *Notification of Intent to Participate, FY 2002-2003* or any other aspect of the CBET Program, please contact Educational Programs Consultants, Jorge Gaj at (916) 657-3677, e-mail jgaj@cde.ca.gov, or David Dolson at (916) 654-3883, e-mail ddolson@cde.ca.gov, in the Language Policy and Leadership Office.

Sincerely,

Joanne Mendoza, Deputy Superintendent
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Enclosure

cc: Bilingual Coordinator's Network Member